

REMARKS

Reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

In the pending Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 81-85, 87-105, and 107-120, under obviousness-type double patenting, as being unpatentable over claims 1-48 of U.S. Patent No. 6,167,189 ("the '189 Patent").

By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 86, 88-100, 106, and 108-120. As such, claims 81-85, 87, 101-105, and 107 are currently presented for examination. Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for the subject matter in the cancelled claims in a subsequent application.

Applicants have also amended claims 81 and 101. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. Amended claims 81 and 101 recite that the program chain information table is recorded in a first portion of a recording medium and that the video data is recorded in a second portion of the recording medium different from said first portion. In particular, each of the program chains comprises a cell playback information table (C_PBIT) (as shown in FIG. 52), which is used to specify an address for video data in the second portion (*see* FIGS. 63 and 64). Further, video data is recorded in VOBS (*see* FIG. 44), which corresponds to the second portion of said recording medium. Inside the VOBS, video data is collected by cells and arranged (*see* FIG. 86).

Regarding the rejection under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that claims 81-85, 87-105, and 107-120 are not patentably distinct from claims 1-48 of the '189 Patent. However, in an effort to expedite the successful prosecution of the present application, the Applicants are submit a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

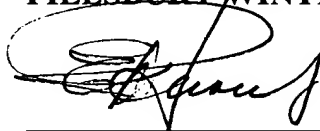
All matters having been addressed, Applicants respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of pending claims 81-85, 87, 101-105, and 107.

Applicant's Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter.

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